



General Assembly

***Substitute House
Resolution No. 10***

January Session, 2015



***RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP.***

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have
3 maintained the fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural,
4 educational and economic exchanges for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 128.6 million dollars'
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2013, making Taiwan one of the major
7 foreign markets for Connecticut, and will keep further strengthening
8 our economic ties; and

9 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free market
10 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and
11 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial
12 relations; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver
14 Program on November 1, 2012, allows Taiwan and the United States,
15 including the sister-state of Connecticut, to develop closer relations
16 and to witness rapid growth in all areas of bilateral development; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the strongest democratic allies of the

18 United States in Asia and spares no effort to maintain peace and
19 prosperity in East Asia as evidenced by the East China Sea Peace
20 Initiative proposed by President Ma Ying-jeou; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating
22 in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer in 2009, and will
23 continue supporting Taiwan's participation in other United Nations-
24 affiliated organizations such as the International Civil Aviation
25 Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention
26 on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

27 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share a long-term and
28 close economic relationship, including 62 billion dollars in bilateral
29 trade in 2014, making Taiwan the tenth largest trading partner of the
30 United States; and

31 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with
32 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
33 has expressed its wish to participate in the Trans-Pacific Strategic
34 Economic Partnership Agreement (TTP) and to sign a Bilateral
35 Investment Agreement (BIA) and a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with
36 the United States in the near future.

37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut House
38 of Representatives pause in its deliberations to recognize the sixteenth
39 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and
40 reiterate its support of a closer economic and trade partnership
41 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
43 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to President
44 Ma Ying-jeou of the Republic of China through the Taipei Economic
45 and Cultural Office in New York.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the next to last paragraph, "Connnecticut" was changed to
"Connecticut" for accuracy.

GAE *House Favorable Subst. -LCO*